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1. KL "NEW STRAITS TIMES" (NST) APRIL 23 REPORTED PRESENCE OF THREE CAMBODIAN (GKR) NAVAL "PATROL" BOATS (ACTUALLY ONE EX-U.S., EX-FRENCH WW II PC-TYPE SUBMARINE CHASER E-312 AN STWO LANDING SHIP INFANTRY LIGHT P-111 AND P-112) AT TUMPAT ABOUT TEN MILES NORTH OF KOTA BAHRU ON THE EAST COAST OF MALAYSIA. NST QUOTED POLICE SPOKESMAN THAT BOATS ENTERED MALAYSIAN WATERS SUNDAY (APRIL 6) AND ANCHORED AT MOUTH OF GOLOK RIVER (SUNGEI GOLOK) APRIL 7. THREE REPRESENTATIVES LANDED, REPORTED TO POLICE, AND SOUGHT MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR SICK ON BOARD. ALL THREE SHIPS THEN UNCLASSIFIED

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ALLOWED TO ENTER RIVER BUT ONLY TWO SUFFICIENTLY SHALLOW

DRAFT TO REACH PENGKALAN KUBOR JETTY WHILE PC REMAINED IN RIVER MOUTH. POLICE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT A WOMAN HAD GIVEN BIRTH AT RIVER MOUTH AND BOTH MOTHER AND CHILD IN GOOD CONDITION. SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY SAID 275 OF 625 ON THREE BOATS WERE CIVILIANS. REMAINDER MILITARY. WOMEN AND CHILDREN PERMITTED TO LAND AND NOW STAYING AT PEFWKALAN KUBOR POLICE STATION COMPOUND. BOATS REPORTEDLY REQUESTED 30,000 GALLONS DIESEL FUEL TO "CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY". KELANTAN STATE WELFARE DEPT HAS PROVIDED SIX BAGS OF RICE AND SARDINES FOR THREE DAYS. A MEDICAL TEAM REPORTEDLY IS ON BOARD TO PROVIDE AID.

2. NST ALSO PRINTED STATE NEWS AGENCY REPORT FROM KUALA TRENGGANU THAT MALAYSIAN NAVY PGM KD SERI JOHOR INTERCEPTED A GKR "GUNBOAT" AFTERNOON OF APRIL 22 WHICH WAS TAKEN TO PULAU KAMBING JETTY NEAR KUALA TRENGGANU (CAPITAL OF TRENGGANU STATE, 80 MILES SOUTH OF KOTA BAHRU). FOUR OFFICERS -- ONE CAPT AND THREE LIEUTENANTS -- WERE NOT ALLOWED TO DISEMBARK. TWO WOMEN, BELIEVED TO BE WIVES OF TWO OF THE OFFICERS, ALSO WERE ON BOARD. BOAT LEFT WAI ISLAND IN GULF OF SIAM APRIL 20 AFTER HEARING OF PHNOM PENH'S FALL. (FYI - THERE HAS BEEN NO CONTACT BETWEEN EMBASSY AND FOURTH SHIP WHICH WE LEARNED OF ONLY THIS MORNING.)
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